

American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools Program (ARP EANS)

A program sponsored under the American Rescue Plan to provide funding to Non-public Private Schools and eligible Non-Public Schools

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Agenda

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Commonly Used Acronyms

- **EANS**= Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools
- **CRRSA EANS**= Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, **EANS I**
- **ARP EANS**= Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools under the American Rescue Plan Act, **EANS II**
- **NPS**= Non-Public School
- **CDE**= California Department of Education



Do I Have to Apply for EANS II?

I am a NPS **who is currently receiving** services and assistance through EANS I...

- YES! NPS who are current EANS I schools, **must apply** for EANS II.
- Due to the change in eligibility criteria under ARP EANS, **no schools will be automatically rolled over into EANS II.** No application means no funding.



Can I Apply for EANS II?

I am a NPS **who is not currently receiving** services and assistance through EANS I...

- YES! NPS who meet the eligibility criteria for EANS II, may apply for EANS II.
- EANS I is **not** a pre-requisite for EANS II eligibility.
- Please see the EANS II (ARP EANS) request for applications (RFA) for eligibility criteria.



EANS I vs EANS II

CRRSA EANS (EANS I)

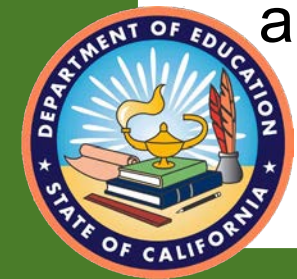
- \$186,538,464-local assistance
- Must apply for CRRSA EANS
- Services offered in three categories
- Reimbursements for Category 1 and 2 items through October 2021
- Funds sunset September 30, 2023
- CRRSA EANS eligibility criteria: inclusive of 100% of NPS who applied

- 2019-2020 Enrollment Data

ARP EANS (EANS II)

- \$180,405,443-local assistance
- Must apply for ARP EANS
- No distinct categories, all services and assistance will be provided by the CDE
- No Reimbursements
- Funds sunset September 30, 2024
- ARP EANS Eligibility Criteria: NPS must demonstrate that 20% of their total student enrollment are students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged

- 2019-2020 Enrollment Data



Overview of ARP EANS



Overview (1)

- As part of the ARP, 2021, Public Law 117-2, Congress set aside \$2.75 billion of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund specifically to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in NPS through the ARP EANS program.
- The purpose of the ARP EANS program is to provide services or assistance to NPS that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families and are most impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency.
- On September 9, 2021, Governor Newsom applied for California's EANS award. California received an ARP EANS award of \$181,312,003, of which \$180,405,443 may be allocated to eligible NPS. The CDE is responsible for the administration of the ARP EANS program.



Overview (2)

The ARP EANS Act extends the EANS program authorized under the CRRSA, 2021, with two exceptions:

- A state educational agency (SEA) may only provide services or assistance to NPS that serve a significant percentage of students from low-income families and are most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.
- An SEA may not use ARP EANS funds to provide reimbursements.



Overview (3)

Following the approval of the ARP EANS application, all states were required to publish on its webpage the state's approved:

- Minimum percentage to define whether a NPS enrolls a significant percentage of students from low-income families.
- Sources of poverty data to be used in determining counts of students from low-income families in a NPS.
- Factors to determine whether a NPS is most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

The CDE published the following information on the EANS webpage located at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/eans.asp>.



Overview (4)

- Schools and/or organizations are required to submit an application to receive services or assistance through the ARP EANS program. The CDE is responsible for administering the program.
- The application will be submitted via an online application, which will be available on December 13, 2021, and posted to the CDE EANS webpage.



Eligibility Requirements (1)

For purposes of the ARP EANS program, federal law specifies that an eligible NPS is an elementary or secondary school that is:

- Non-profit;
- Accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
- Was in existence prior to March 13, 2020, the date the President declared the national emergency due to COVID-19; and



Eligibility Requirements (2)

- Did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Plan (15 U.S.C. 636[a][37]) that was made on or after December 27, 2020.
- 20 percent has been identified as the threshold the State will use to determine if a NPS enrolls a significant percentage of students from low-income families.



Eligibility Requirements (3)

- The CDE will accept the following data sources regarding the number and percentage of low-income families enrolled in the NPS for the 2019–20 school year:
 - Data on student eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.
 - Data from the E-rate program administered by the Federal Communications Commission.
 - Data from a different source, such as scholarship, financial assistance data or proportionality.
- COVID-19 Impact –The number of COVID-19 infections per capita in the community or communities served by the NPS.



ARP EANS Application Timeline



Timeline (1)

Activity	Dates
Post the RFA on the CDE website - Reference Copy Only	December 3, 2021
Technical Assistance Webinar: Overview of the RFA and program requirements	December 8, 2021
Application Window	December 13, 2021 to January 3, 2022



Timeline (2)

Activity	Dates
EANS Application Received by the CDE	By 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2022
Application Evaluation	January 3–11, 2022
CDE notifies applicants of application status, award amount, and program requirements	By January 12, 2022



Completing the ARP EANS Application

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/eans.asp>



Coversheet (Part A) (1)

- Name of school or organization
- Mailing address
- Email address of authorized representative of the school
- County District School (CDS) Code (if applicable):
- Authorized Representative of the School
- Phone Number



Coversheet (Part A) (2)

- Primary Contact
- Name
- Email address
- Phone
- Applicant will provide the Cover Sheet as a scanned PDF attachment. The signature of the school representative must either be an original ink signature or an authenticated e-signature.



Multiple Schools

- An organization that has governing authority over a group of schools may submit an application on behalf of its member schools.
- The RFA includes a chart in order to list all schools submitted in the application, which will be uploaded as a PDF attachment.
- The representative organization is responsible for maintaining data and other information for all applicable schools.



Services Provided under the ARP EANS (1)

A school will apply for services or assistance in the RFA by checking all categories of need:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems to ensure healthy air in the NPS.
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitation, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing.



Services Provided under the ARP EANS (2)

- Other materials, supplies, or equipment to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress coronavirus, to conduct surveillance and contact tracing activities, and to support other activities related to coronavirus testing for students, teachers, and staff at the NPS.



Services Provided under the ARP EANS (3)

- Educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning.
- Redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss.
- Leasing of sites or spaces to ensure safe social distancing to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the CDC.
- Reasonable transportation costs.



Services Provided under the ARP EANS (4)

- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss.



Data Requirements, Enrollment, and Low-Income Data (1)

- Total student enrollment of the school in the 2019–2020 school year (grades T/K–12)
- Grade Levels Served
- Number or estimated number of students from low-income families enrolled in the school in the 2019–2020 school year



Data Requirements, Enrollment, and Low-Income Data (2)

Low-income counts will be supported from one or more of the following sources:

- Available free or reduced-priced lunch data.
- Scholarship or financial assistance data.
- E-Rate Data: an alternative method that allows schools to collect and determine low income counts without participating in the National School Lunch Program.
- Proportionality data (documents supporting the sources and method of computation).



Funding Methodology



Funding Methodology (1)

- There is a total of \$180,405,443 in EANS funds available to California for allocation.
- Funding will be distributed based on a per student base rate, plus an additional supplemental rate for each student from a **low-income** family.
- The supplemental rate will be 20 percent of the base rate (e.g., if the base rate is \$100 per student, then each student from a **low-income** family would generate an additional \$20, which is the low-income supplemental rate).



Funding Methodology (2)

- The CDE will calculate the base rate, and the low-income supplemental rate, based on the sum of the total student enrollment and total number of students from low-income families from all valid EANS applications received by the due date.



Electronic Application Submission

The two week application window is from December 13, 2021 through January 3, 2022. Application Submission requirements are as follows:

- Complete the RFA on the CDE EANS web page via the online application
- Submit as a PDF attachment Part A: Cover Sheet
- Submit as a PDF attachment all schools submitted in the application
- Signature Required
- Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible
- The Survey will send a confirmation email



Electronic Application Submission Lessons Learned (1)

When submitting your application, please keep the following in mind:

- The school name on the Coversheet (Part A) must match the name of the school on its official documents.
- Read over the RFA carefully and have all documents available before accessing the application.
- The confirmation email is not immediate and may take up to 24 hours to receive.
- A school may only submit an application once; duplicative submissions are not allowable.



Electronic Application Submission Lessons Learned (2)

- The school is responsible for keeping all records and supporting documents as they pertain to the application.
- If you have questions about the process or accessing the online application, please submit your inquiry immediately to the EANS mailbox, EANS@cde.ca.gov.
- The survey will automatically close on January 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.; there is not a "grace period" for submission.



ARP EANS Solicitation of Proposals (SOP)

For companies and organizations interested in providing services to eligible NPS through the ARP EANS program. This SOP is not for NPS. NPS who would like to apply for ARP EANS Funds must do so through the online application on CDE's website, not the SOP.



Contact Information

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CDE EANS web page

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/eans.asp>

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Questions



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